

## GROWING SHORTER BY HOUR

### Is Time of Germans' Stay in France.

#### ALLIES PUSH BACK FOE

#### Turning Movements Are Continuing Successfully.

#### AFFECT GERMAN LEFT AND RIGHT

French Government's Latest Official Statements on the Battle of the Aisne Say Action Continues to Develop Rapidly More and More to the North and That the General Situation is Satisfactory — Nineteenth Day of the Great Struggle in Northern France.

#### BULLETIN.

Berlin, Oct. 1.—A report given out at army headquarters says: "There has been general fighting on our right wing in France, but nothing decisive. The center is quiet. The French advances in the vicinity of Verdun and Toul have been renewed."

Paris, Oct. 1.—The official statements on the battle of the Aisne, extremely guarded though they are, give adequate reason for the belief not only that the turning movement by the allies' left wing is continuing successfully, but that a similar action has developed on the extreme right. The official bureau devoted slightly from its reticent course when it said that on the left wing, north of the Somme, "the action continues to develop rapidly more and more toward the north." A later bulletin said the general situation was satisfactory. To expectant Paris this is sufficient confirmation of the unofficial report that the German right had been broken and that Von Kluck's great army was at last in frank and vehement retreat. Military experts take a less happy view of the situation, but all are confident that the time of German tenure of French soil is growing shorter by the hour.

The latest communique explained a hint in a former statement of an advance of the French right near St. Mihiel, on the east bank of the Meuse, where the Germans had concentrated after days of desperate effort. It showed that the German left had been pushed back nearer Pont-a-Mousson, where the crown prince had had his headquarters, and that the German center would soon be in danger if the double enveloping tendency of the allies' attack was sustained.

Germans Reported Receding. An unofficial dispatch from the front says: "The Germans are receding before forcible and sustained pushing from the allied armies, especially on their western and eastern wings, while the center, where the Germans are more strongly entrenched than at any other point, with heavy artillery, remains almost stationary."

"Despite evidences of weakening on the part of the invaders, hard fighting continued on the nineteenth day along the 150 mile front from the Somme to the Moselle, and there is no indication that the historic battle is nearing a finish."

"It is generally concluded by French military men that some important move must soon be made by the Germans, who have found it impossible to stem the advance of the allies, though they offered the sternest and most desperate resistance, sacrificing thousands of men daily."

"The German wings appear to be folding back on the center, leaving the sole loophole for a backward movement by way of Rheims (twenty miles northeast of Rheims, in department of Ardennes)."

#### BOATS SUNK BY MINES

Italy Files Protest With the Austrian Government.

Rome, Oct. 1.—As a result of the sinking of an Italian fishing boat near Ancona by an Austrian floating mine, the Italian government has instructed its ambassador at Vienna to enter an energetic protest against the action, which prevents free and safe navigation of the Adriatic. An Italian fishing boat is reported to have been sunk by a mine between Venice and Ancona, in the Adriatic sea.

It is generally believed that Italy will not stand by and see her commerce and her fishing industry in the Adriatic, which she regards as under her own protection and control, jeopardized by floating mines placed by the Austrians in the hope that they may chance to destroy an enemy.

To Whom It May Concern. To all my customers, or any one having broom-corn to be worked up, you will find my shop located at 719 East Market street, Celina, O.

CHRIST HOWICK.

#### TINKERING WITH BOOZE GETS WESLEY IN JAIL

Wesley Pond, arrested on the charge of procuring liquor for Dave Kennard, had a hearing last Friday before Mayor Rice and was bound over to the Probate Court in the sum of \$200. Failing to find bond Pond was lodged in the county jail to think it over, get board at the public's expense, to say nothing of court costs and shame to his parents.

Bert Andrews, a pleasant and gentlemanly fellow and a good workman when sober, was brought before Mayor Rice again Tuesday on a charge of drunkenness. He was given \$5 and costs, two weeks to settle and released.

## FALL MEETING OF LIMA PRESBYTERY

The regular fall meeting of Lima Presbytery was held at Wapakoneta Monday and Tuesday. The churches of the district were well represented by pastors and elders. Elder J. Willis Townsend was elected as a delegate from the Presbyterian Church of Celina.

Other Celina Presbyterians who attended a part of the session were J. L. Fennig, Mrs. C. D. Moore, Mrs. J. Willis Townsend, Mrs. Margaret Harris and Mrs. L. V. C. Mytton.

Rev. Mytton of this city was elected temporary clerk, and as chairman of the committee on colleges presented the report of that committee.

Rev. G. Polk Goodson, pastor of Olivet Presbyterian Church of Lima, presided as Moderator. The retiring Moderator preached the sermon on Monday night. His theme was the Brotherhood of Man, and was a strong and earnest appeal from the text, "When ye pray, say Our Father."

Christian missions, home and foreign evangelism and temperance were the subjects that aroused the greatest interest. A resolution endorsing State-wide prohibition was unanimously adopted by the Presbytery.

A pleasant and unusual feature of the session was the dinner provided by the ladies of the Presbyterian church for the delegates and served in the parlors of the Evangelical Lutheran church. Here was a true demonstration of the recognition of Christian unity by local sister denomination.

The spring meeting of Lima Presbytery will be entertained by the First Presbyterian church of Findlay.

## DIVORCES IN WET AND DRY COUNTIES

Figures Show Effect of Liquor On Homes.

Columbus, O.—As proof that drink is the cause of the breaking up of many homes, and that it is at the bottom of a large per cent of the divorces cases in the courts, figures from court records of Ohio for the year ending June 30, 1913, are being exhibited.

These figures show that on that date 5,575 divorce cases were pending in the eighty-eight counties. Of this number 772 were in the forty-five dry counties and 4,803 in the forty-three wet counties. On the basis of the 1910 census, one divorce case was pending to each 1,673 of the population in the dry counties, and one to each 724 of the population in the wet counties. There was more than double the cases in proportion to population in wet than in dry territory. From 1896 to 1913, 4,726 divorce cases were granted in Ohio for drunkenness alone, while thousands more were granted for causes growing out of the use of liquor. This record bears out the systematic investigation and conclusions of Judge Gemmill of the Chicago Court of Domestic Relations, who says that the cause of forty-six out of every 100 divorce cases in that city is excessive drink.

## BIG SPEAKERS COMING.

It is announced from headquarters of the Ohio Anti-Saloon league that beginning almost immediately big campaign speakers will tour the state in the interest of the Prohibition amendment and against the brewers' Home Rule amendment. Up to this time, the drys have been busy in county organization work and local meetings. Now that these organizations are well under way the big guns will be unlimbered.

Ex-Governor Patterson of Tennessee will give a few days to the Ohio campaign. Sam Small will be in the state almost continuously until the November election. "Cyclone" Davis of Texas, candidate for congressman-at-large and a speaker of unusual force, will speak, as will Judge Covington of Georgia, who is a favorite here. It is expected that Governor Hatfield of West Virginia will come late in the campaign, and Fred Blue, commissioner of Prohibition in West Virginia, who opened the campaign in Columbus, will be back for other meetings. Other well known platform men will be heard, including speakers from Virginia, as well as trained men from the Anti-Saloon league of a number of states.

Dr. Cordier had a narrow escape from serious injury Wednesday morning when he lost control of a machine he was driving and it ran into a hitching rack along the house on West Market street. The machine crashed into the rack with such force as to damage it considerably.

C. H. Carroll, of Alliance, has ordered The Democrat to his address in that city. He is among the Mercer County boys making good names being a trusted employee in telegraph department of the L. S. & M. S.

THE DEMOCRAT and Cincinnati Daily Post, both one full year for \$3.00.

## RECAPTURE TOWN HELD BY GERMANS

### Rennencamp's Men Successful in Russian Poland.

#### FIGHTING EXTREMELY SEVERE

Austrians and Russians Suffer Tremendous Losses in the Battle Now Raging at Tarnow—Russian Advance Guard in Hungary More Than Half Way to Budapest—Servians Again Occupy Semlin.

London, Oct. 1.—An official statement issued by the Russian war office announces that General Rennencamp's army has recaptured Augustowo, in Russian Poland, after extremely severe fighting with the Germans. This information is held to certify to the retreat of the German army of General Von Midenburg from the province of Suwalki as a result of the battle which has been raging since Sunday morning along a front extending from Grodno to Drusienki, on the Niemen river.

Augustowo is in Suwalki, in Russian Poland, 140 miles northeast of Warsaw. The Augustowo canal commences there, connecting the Vistula river with the Niemen.

The fighting around Augustowo has been exceptionally intense for several days. The Germans occupied the town, which is a short distance from the Russo-East Prussian frontier, about two weeks ago.

The battle at Tarnow, forty-eight miles east of Cracow, and an important railroad center, continues. Both Austrians and Russians have suffered tremendous losses.

In St. Petersburg it is generally believed that the advance guard of the Russian force which entered Hungary through the Dukla pass is now more than half way to Budapest. This invading army has thus far met with little serious opposition, and military experts assert that Austria must immediately withdraw a considerable part of the troops she has operating against Serbia and throw its strength in the path of the Russians.

Support of this contention is found in the announcement that the Servians again captured Semlin, across the Drina from Belgrade. It is presumed that the Austrians have already commenced the withdrawal of some of their soldiers from that quarter of operations.

The Russian advance guard has caught up with the fleeing Austrians in the Dukla pass and have dealt severely with them, taking a large number of prisoners and guns and 400 wagons.

The Russian capture of the Usok pass in the Carpathians was a brilliant military operation, according to descriptions of the fighting which have reached Petrograd.

#### CUT TO PIECES

Prussian Guard, the Kaiser's Pride, Reported Destroyed.

Bordeaux, Sept. 29.—The Prussian guard, the picked soldiers of the German empire and the Kaiser's pride, has been cut to pieces in the fighting of the last three days on the center of the battle line. The strength of some companies has been reduced from 250 to 100 men. Virtually all the original officers have been killed or wounded. Two battalions have been annihilated.

## BIG PARTIES NAME THEIR TICKETS

### Result of New York's First Direct Primary Election.

New York, Sept. 29.—The candidates favored by party organizations, with a few possible exceptions, won in New York's first direct primary, an institution designed to eliminate the influence of "machines" from elections.

Governor Martin H. Glynn won the Democratic nomination for governor over John A. Hennessey by a majority that may reach 90,000 when all the returns are in.

Charles S. Whitman, district attorney of New York county, received the Republican gubernatorial nomination over Harvey D. Hinman and Job E. Hedges by a plurality of about 45,000.

Frederick M. Davenport, won the Progressive nomination for governor over William Sulzer apparently, by a majority which Mr. Davenport's managers claimed would reach 3,000. However, Mr. Sulzer said he was not satisfied and would demand a recount.

James W. Gerard, United States ambassador to Germany, made a run-away race of it for the Democratic nomination for United States senator, getting probably 60,000 majority over Franklin D. Roosevelt, assistant secretary of the navy, who ran on the "Hennessey ticket."

A Correction. In noting the death last week of Miss Lizzie Knox, a former Washington township lady, the Democrat referred to her as the sister of Mrs. W. H. Bastian. It should have read Mrs. Adam Bastian.

#### LADS AND LASSIES AT OLD MIAMI

Among the students enrolled in the freshman class of the Liberal Arts College of Miami University are Ralph Wright and Zura Walter, both of Celina. Mercer county is further represented at Oxford by Constantine Fecher, of Ft. Recovery; Helva Dine, Rowena Hight and Lois Malick, of Celina, in the first year class of the Ohio State Normal College.

#### KNOW WHEREOF THEY SPEAK

(Ohio Penitentiary News.) Two thirds of the inmates of the Eastern State Penitentiary at Philadelphia, which has a population of close to 1,500, have signed a petition to the state legislature, demanding the prohibition of the sale of intoxicating liquors in the state and stating it to be their belief that fully 70 per cent of the crime is directly attributable to the use of such beverages.

## ASSIGNMENTS MADE AT TOLEDO U. B. CONFERENCE

The United Brethren annual conference in session at Toledo last week made the following assignments for towns in this section of the State:

M. R. Ballinger, conference superintendent. Montezuma—S. P. Wenger. St. Marys—G. C. Arnold. Rockford—L. E. Ames. Delphos—G. W. Lilly. Van Wert—E. A. Lilly. Pleasant Grove—H. A. Zuppan.

## THE GRIM REAPER

Mrs. Ramarida White, aged 73, died Wednesday at the home of her son, George, near Durbin, after a long illness arising from a complication of ailments.

The deceased was born in Scioto County, this state, February 18, 1841, and was wedded to Mr. White in October, 1856. In 1881 the family moved to this county. Mrs. White was the mother of ten children, six of whom preceded her in death. Her husband passed away last March.

The surviving children are Wm. J. White of this city, Alex. of Wabash; Mrs. Daniel Roberts, of Dayton, and George, of Liberty township.

Funeral services will be held this morning at 10:30 o'clock from the Mt. Carmel church, Rev. S. F. Sanders conducting the services. Burial will be made at Swamp College cemetery.

Samuel Kiser, aged 75 years, died at the Toledo State Hospital last Friday. Mr. Kiser was a former resident of Mercer county and has been in the hospital since March 6, 1913.

Ellie Martz, aged 80 years, one of the oldest residents of Dublin township, died last Sunday afternoon at his home near Rockford. He had enjoyed the best of health up until last Friday night when he was suddenly stricken with acute indigestion. Deceased is survived by four daughters—Mesdames Jos. Purdy, of Blackreef township; Ernest Kirkpatrick, of Dublin; Emma Wescott, living with her father, and Mary Kearney, residing in Montana. A brother, Elisha Martz, of Dublin, also survives.

## WITH WHOM DO WE SYMPATHIZE?

[Johnstown Democrat.]

"With whom do we sympathize in the pending war?" writes a correspondent. We'll answer that. With the German, French, Belgian and English boys who man the trenches. With the German, French, English and Belgian boys who crowd the hospitals. With the mothers who nurse these boys. With the fathers who saw them grow to manhood and loved them as they grew. With the women who were wedded to those boys. With the children they left when they marched to the front. With the poor peasant woman who struggles against the press of war-generated poverty. With those who in the cities cry out for food. With the men who fight for fatherland and love in their hearts. With the great artists like Kreisler who must turn their marvelous melody-producing fingers to works of degradation. With the people who must live out their days with lives forever blighted by this war. With the innocent whose fields have been trampled under foot by marching armies. With all the host of those who under the press of a mistaken patriotism must offer up their lives. These are the ones with whom we sympathize.

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## BOUND OVER TO COURT FOR NON-SUPPORT

Frank Sidenbender, of Coldwater, was arrested by Constable Reynolds in that village last Saturday afternoon on a charge of non-support. He was brought to this city and arraigned before Mayor Rice, where waived examination and was bound over to court under bond of \$300. Bond was furnished.

Rufus Wagner was arrested last Saturday afternoon on a charge on non-support. He waived examination when arraigned before Mayor Rice and was bound over to court under bond of \$200. He secured bail.

## Treatment of Sores

Apply Hanford's Balaam lightly and you will find that gradually the sore will diminish in size. The older the sore the longer it will take, but it will cure the hard cases, after other remedies fail.

## DEMOCRATS DON THEIR WAR PAINT

### Committees, in Joint Session Yesterday, Take Up Matters Relating to Campaign.

Both the Democratic County Central and Executive Committees were well represented at a joint meeting held at the court room yesterday afternoon.

Secretary J. W. Beall, of the State Executive Committee, addressed the meeting on plans of campaign suggested by the State Committee and announced that arrangements were being made for Governor Cox to spend a couple of days in Mercer County within the next couple of weeks.

Plans were also formulated for big campaign openings at Celina, Coldwater, St. Henry, Chickasaw, Ft. Recovery, Wabash, Rockford and Mendon. The dates and State speakers at the meetings will probably be announced next week. Hon. N. W. Cunningham also informed the committee that he was arranging to spend almost a week in this county.

The Central Committee took up the resignations of two members and filled the vacancies by selecting Frank Gross as Committeeman in the fourth ward in this city and Howard Pontius as committeeman at Rockford.

Deputy Fish and Game Warden Nohr was notified the first of the week that a consignment of ten cans of bass from the Federal Hatcheries will be delivered at Lake Mercer within the next sixty days. The new arrivals will be placed in the water on the south side of the lake, near Montezuma.

## TEMPERANCE MEETING DATES

John Cunneen, a noted Catholic orator, will address the people of this county on behalf of the temperance question at several points next week. His schedule so far includes the following towns:

Celina—Monday evening, October 5, at the court-house. Coldwater—Tuesday evening, Oct. 6, St. Henry—Wednesday evening, Oct. 7, Ft. Recovery—Thursday evening, October 8.

The public is cordially invited to attend these meetings.

#### Neptune Meetings

On next Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock a temperance lecture will be delivered at the Neptune town hall by Rev. Culbertson of Rockford, and again on Tuesday evening, the 6th, Rev. Dutton of Dayton will also, make an address for the cause at Neptune on Sunday afternoon, the 11, at the Center church. Enthusiasm for the work in hand has commenced to tell, and by election time there will be few laggards. Push the good work by your presence.

## REVIEW OF THE EUROPEAN CONFLICT

Sept. 27 was the fourteenth day of the great battle of the four rivers—the Aisne, Oise, Somme and Meuse. So far neither side has gained any decided advantage. The Franco-English forces have found the German positions to the north of Rheims particularly strong. The great stress of attack and defense is now transferred to the extreme western flank. The desperate struggle of the Germans to fling back the supreme onslaughts of the allies between the Somme and Oise shows that they realize that the fate of their campaign depends on the results to be obtained there. The battle rages in extreme violence at St. Quentin, where the Germans are striving desperately to prevent the capture of the town.

Friday and Saturday of last week the German right, according to Berlin reports, succeeded in pushing back the allies' left, but Paris reports that the allies regained lost ground Sunday by a number of terrific onslaughts in which bayonet fighting was a feature.

In the eastern war zone St. Petersburg reports that the greater portion of the city of Przemyel, in Galicia, Austria, is now occupied by Russian troops. It is said the Austrians have been driven into the forts east of the city, which are now surrounded by the czar's forces. Russia's advance on the Caracow, preparatory to launching of their movement against Berlin, is under way. More than 1,000,000 men will compose the Russian army of invasion. Germany is massing troops in East Prussia to oppose the enemy's advance.

Japan claims success in a fourteen hour battle with Germans outside of Tsingtau, China.

Monday, the sixteenth day, found the great battle of the Aisne raging more furiously than ever, with the hardest fighting centering on the eastern and western ends of the 120-mile line. The Kaiser himself is said to be directing the offensive movements of his armies. That the losses are growing heavier, due to the increased ferocity of the attacks, is shown by the greater number of wounded that are being brought from the battleground. Especially heavy are the losses on the Oise, Somme and Aisne rivers, where the French and British are trying to encircle General Von Kluck's army and are meeting with violent counter attacks. The battle continues to rage day and night. Both Paris and Berlin report slight gains.

St. Petersburg reports that Austrian troops have been routed from their third line of defense in Galicia. The Russians are approaching Tarnow, only fifty miles east of Cracow, and have also captured Usok and Savanna, Hungarian towns on the southern slope of the Carpathian

#### CRANE FAMILY REUNION

On the 24th ult., on the birthday of Mrs. John Hight, a reunion of the Crane family was held at the Hight home in Hopewell township. It proved a very pleasant social affair, where old times was the general theme and a bountiful dinner added to the good cheer, some twenty-five people attesting to its merits. Among those to enjoy the day at the Hight home were Mrs. John Tilton, Mrs. Edith Buck, Ab Buck and wife, John Buck and wife, Frank Buck and family, Albert Rhoads and family, Floyd Rhoads, and family, Dan Richenauer and family, Mrs. Lib Downey and Grandma Lehmanns.

## COTTERMAN'S INITIAL LOOK-IN AT DISTRICT 8

County Superintendent Cotterman, in a visit to schools in District 8 last week, makes the following brief comment on his observations:

Marion Township—St. John, Puthoff, Dwenger, St. Rose, Hartings, Cassela, Cartagena, Chickasaw, Sebastian. Recovery Township—Oakland, St. Peter, St. Joe.

These schools are in supervision district No. 8, under the care of Supt. H. J. Bernard. Evidences of improvement are seen in many of the buildings and grounds. Some of them are almost ready for inspection. The addition of the required amount of apparatus and library should put several in first grade.

Teachers and pupils are manifesting a fine school spirit, and everything bids fair for a successful year's work.

## A NATION ON ITS KNEES

[Philadelphia Public Ledger, Rep.]

By his proclamation, naming Sunday, October 4, as the day of general application, the President, in his own words, has recognized the "special wish and longing of the people of the United States in prayer and counsel and all friendliness to serve the cause of peace."

The purpose of the appointment of the day of prayer is felicitously stated by the President: "To take action which shall prove conducive to that concord among men and nations without which there can be neither happiness nor true friendship nor any wholesome fruit of toil or thought in the world."

His effort for the world's peace was shown in his attitude in the recent past. He kept in every exasperating circumstance to maintain a benevolent aloofness toward the combatants in Mexico. Some of those who, at the time, wanted belligerent action have come to a different way of thinking as they have read the tale told in Europe from one hideous day to another. It must stir even the consciences of the war-makers and the fire-bringers to know that thousands of miles away a nation is on its knees in prayer that the peace of God which passes all understanding may once more prevail.

Judge Mathers sentenced Baker to an indefinite term of from one to twenty years in the penitentiary.

After sentence was pronounced Baker laughed and joked with relatives and acquaintances, and bid his sobbing sister a laughing good-bye as he was taken back to his cell.

Attorney Mattingly, counsel for LeVan Baker, filed a motion for a new trial, and the court is holding up the sentence of LeVan until the motion is disposed of.

## INITIAL PICNIC OF NEPTUNE GRANGE

To-morrow (Saturday) the Neptune Grange will hold its first annual picnic at Severn's grove, three miles north of Neptune. Addresses by Will H. Cresswell, of Mt. Gilead, and M. C. Thomas, of Troy, business agent and director of the Miami County experiment farm, will feature the occasion. The day's program follows, beginning at 10 a.m.:

Music.....Orchestra  
Welcome address.....H. K. Townsend  
Recitation.....Mary Townsend  
Violin solo.....McClellan Flowers  
Song.....Ladies' chorus  
Address.....Will H. Cresswell  
Dinner.....1 p.m.

Afternoon session—Orchestra  
Recitation.....Laurence Thomas  
Song.....Ladies' chorus  
Recitation.....Eugene Townsend  
Address.....M. C. Thomas

A ball game will be played by the Neptune Y. M. B. C. will provide recreation for the occasion. Everybody invited to come and bring well-filled baskets to enjoy a picnic worth while.

## DAN CUPID VICTIMS

The Tacoma Tribune announces that Harry C. Betz, a former Mercer County boy who was well known in and around Celina, was married September 16 to a winsome bride, Miss May Moore, at the residence of her mother, by Rev. John H. Scott, using the ring ceremony. The bride was attended by Miss Cora Forbes and the groom was assisted as best man by Mr. Moore, a brother of the bride. Mr. Betz and his charming and accomplished wife were on their way to Ohio to visit the groom's many relatives and friends in Mercer County. Many were the heartfelt wishes the fifty invited guests sent after the happy couple on their journey eastward to the loved ones in Ohio, who will tender the bride a cordial welcome and greet her as a sister and relative. Many are the fervent wishes uttered by the relatives here in Ohio to the newly married couple. The many friends of the groom hereabouts join the relatives in wishing the bride and groom unbounded happiness and joy through life, and all are hoping that their journey through life will be one continued wedding trip of joy and pleasure until it ends in heaven.

Charles Denney and Miss Clara Leonard, well known Ft. Recovery people, were married Wednesday evening at the bride's home, Rev. Buck of the Ft. Recovery Lutheran church officiating. Mr. and Mrs. Denney will reside on a farm south of Ft. Recovery.

#### GERMAN CASUALTIES IN EXCESS OF 100,000.

Berlin, Sept. 28 (by way of London).—The total German casualties in dead, wounded and missing, as officially reported to date, are 104,588. The casualty list announced adds a total of 10,527 casualties to those previously announced. The total casualty list is made up as follows: Dead 45,674; wounded, 65,908; missing, 23,007.

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